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SATELLITE EARTH STATIONS MOBILE TOWERS IN LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are sufficient satellite earth stations and mobile towers to cover the entire Lakshadweep Islands;

(b) if not, the action being taken by the Government to provide reliable Internet facilites and mobile services in the said islands;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up a satellite earth station at Amini and mobile toweres at Amini, Kadmath, Chetlath and Bithra; and

(d) if so, the time by when the above installations are likely to be made operational?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) No, Sir. Satellite earth stations are available at Agathi, Androth, Kalpeni, Kavarathy, Kitan and Minicoy Islands. Mobile towers are also available at these Islands. However, Amini, Bitra, Chetlet and Kadamath are connected through UHF media.

(b)
(i) Reliable internet facilities are already available in all Islands.

(ii) Action is being taken to provide mobile services at Amini during the current financial year and at Bitra, Chetlet and Kadamath during next year.

(c)
(i) Yes Sir, there is a proposal to set up satellite earth station at Amini along with mobile tower during 2005-06.

(ii) The satellite earth station and mobile towers in remaining three Islands viz Bitra, Chetlet, and Kadamath are proposed to be setup during 2006-07
(d)
(i) The installations proposed at Amini are likely to be made operational by March, 2006.

(ii) The installations in other three Islands viz Bitra, Chetlet, and Kadamath are expected to be made operational in the year 2006-07